

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

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Oliver Grah Nooksack Indian Tribe P.O. Box 174 Deming, Washington 98244-0157

Dear Mr. Grah,

Thank you for submitting your proposal for financial assistance under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Fiscal Year 2015 Wetland Program Development Grant Solicitation, Funding Opportunity EPA-REG10-15-16. The EPA received 23 proposals from states, tribes and local governments in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. A review committee scored and ranked each proposal against the factors listed in Section V of the Request for Proposals. Based on the rankings and recommendations of the review committee, and other factors listed in Section V, the Selection Official has selected proposals for funding.

We are pleased to inform you that your proposal for "Advanced Wetlands Mapping and Restoration Potential Characterization for the South Fork Nooksack River" is one of the selected proposals. The federal share of this award reflects the amount of the rescission required by Public Law 113-235. The EPA award amount for this project is \$43,631.22. Congratulations!

We must now work together quickly to develop the paperwork necessary for you to qualify for the award. Please submit your final grant package by **July 17, 2015.** See the enclosed checklist for more information. Forms are available at http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/application.htm.

The EPA reserves the right to negotiate and adjust the final grant amount and Statement of Work prior to award, consistent with EPA policy, including the Assistance Agreement Competition Policy, EPA Order 5700.5A1. Selection of your proposal does not guarantee funding or authorize you to begin work. The award will not be final until a notice of award approval is issued by the EPA Award Official. Until then, we discourage the issuance of press releases or other publicity about your selection.

Thank you for your commitment to protecting and restoring the waters and ecosystems of EPA's Region 10. If you have questions, please contact Becky Fauver at fauver.becky@epa.gov or 206-553-1353. We look forward to working with you and to the environmental results gained by your project.

Sincerely,

Linda Anderson-Carnahan, Acting Director Office of Ecosystems, Tribal and Public Affairs

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